1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2 FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI WESTERN DIVISION 3 4 Case No.: BERNICE FLEMING, 5 Plaintiff, 6 v. 7 **COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND** CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION 8 9 Defendant 10 11 12 Plaintiff, Bernice Fleming, (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), by and through her undersigned 13 attorney, alleges against Credit Acceptance Corporation (hereinafter "Defendant") as follows: 14 **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT** 15 This is an action for damages arising from Defendant's violations of the Telephone 16 Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §227 et seq. ("TCPA"). 17 18 **JURSIDICTION AND VENUE** 19 2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 47 U.S.C 20 §227(b)(3). 21 3. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C § 1391(b). 22 **PARTIES** 23 24 4. Plaintiff, Bernice Fleming, is a natural person, who at all relevant times has resided in the 25 city of Kansas City, Jackson County, State of Missouri. 26 27 28

Defendant, Credit Acceptance Corporation is incorporated and doing business in the State
of Michigan, with its corporate mailing address as 25505 West Twelve Mile Road, Southfield,
MI 48034.

FACTUAL STATEMENT

- 6. Plaintiff is a co-signer on an account with her father. Between March 16, 2016 and April 19, 2016, she received numerous calls from Defendant to her cellular phone regarding amounts allegedly owed to Defendant.
- 7. Upon information and belief, the calls were made using an automatic telephone dialing system and/or by using an artificial or prerecorded voice.
- 8. The calls Plaintiff received were from Defendant's numbers (734) 742-1035 and (586) 461-4322. The calls were made to Plaintiff's cell number (816) xxx-4408 for which she incurs charges.
- 9. On April 13, 2016 Plaintiff called Defendant and advised Defendant's representative that she had previously contacted them to stop calling her. On that date, she reiterated that she was not to be called by Defendant in the future and demanded that Defendant stop calling her.
- 10. Defendant's representative repeatedly stated that unless a payment plan was in effect, Defendant would continue to call her.
- 11. Despite issuing this clear and unequivocal cease on April 13, 2016, Defendant thereafter used an autodialing system and called Plaintiff on her cellular phone seventeen (17) times.
- 12. As a result of the foregoing actions, Plaintiff has been abused, harassed, annoyed and damaged and is entitled to relief.

- 13. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the prior paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 14. Defendant called Plaintiff's cellular telephone number repeatedly in an attempt to collect on an alleged debt after they had been advised to cease calling her. Defendant's use of an automatic dialing system subjects them to the provisions of the Act.
- 15. On April 13, 2016 Plaintiff revoked any consent previously given and advised Defendant to stop calling her, which request Defendant did not honor. Thereafter, Defendant improperly called Plaintiff seventeen (17) times.
- 16. Defendant's actions have damaged Plaintiff and constitute violations and/or willful violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii), as well as any other applicable provisions of the TCPA, and its conduct is not exempt from the proscriptions of the statute.17
- 17. The TCPA creates a private right of action against person who violate the act. As a result of each call made in violation of the TCPA, Plaintiff is entitled to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages and treble damages for each call knowingly and/or willfully made in violation of the TCPA.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment, as follows:

- a) Adjudging that Defendant violated 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii);
- b) Enjoining Defendant from placing any further telephone calls to Plaintiff in violation of the TCPA, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(A);
- c) Awarding Plaintiff statutory damages in the amount of \$500.00 per violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B);

- d) Awarding Plaintiff actual damages, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B);
- e) Awarding Plaintiff treble damages, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C);
- f) Awarding Plaintiff reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action;
- g) Awarding Plaintiff any pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as may be allowed under the law; and
- h) Awarding such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

JURY TRIAL DEMAND

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

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